



MESSENGER

St. John's Lutheran

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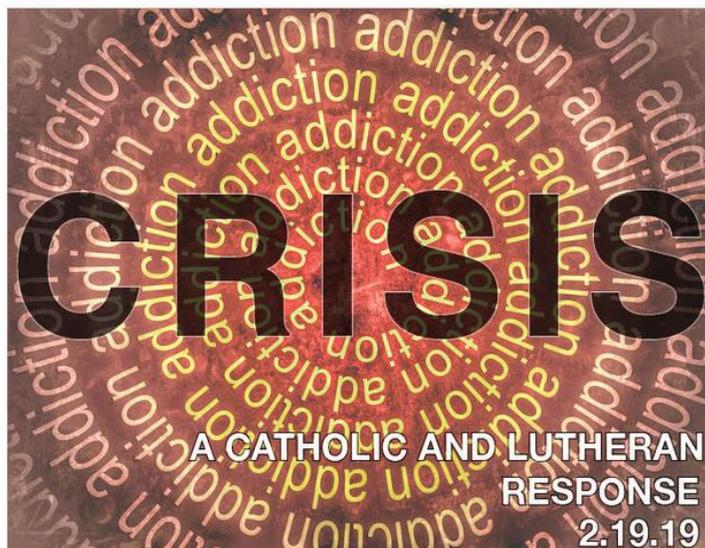
2019- 'The Addiction Crisis: A Catholic and Lutheran Response' Special Training Session

One of the areas we identified as a potential area of missional interest was the addiction crisis. As a next step in our discerning and equipping, the synod is committed to supporting all the congregations whose hearts are breaking for the many ways addiction affects us all. If you'd like to come with Pastor Robyn, please let her know.

A Special Training Event THE ADDICTION CRISIS: A CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN RESPONSE

FEBRUARY 19, 2019, 9 AM - 3:45 PM
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH,
8815 E KEMPER RD, CINCINNATI, OH

GUEST SPEAKERS:
SIS WENGER, NACoA & FATHER MARK
HUSHEN, ASHLEY ADDICTION
TREATMENT



**A CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN
RESPONSE
2.19.19**

Registration fee is \$20 per person and includes materials and lunch (provided by Fresh Box).

Priority attendance will be given to 2 representatives (preferably a rostered minister and a lay person) from each congregation within the Synod who register by the priority deadline. If space remains, all Lutheran parishioners will be welcome until maximum attendance is reached. 6.0 CEU's available upon request.



Southern Ohio Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Pastor's Pen- Anyone Else Cold?

King David was very old and advanced in years; and no matter how many blankets covered him, he could not get warm. (1 Kings 1.1-2)

Yes, that is really in the bible! Waking up to subzero wind chills and roller coaster forecasts for ice, snow, sleet, thaw, repeat-- I'm betting many of you can relate to King David's inability to get warm! Often when we're cold we focus on it so much that it's hard to get warm. It's 2 degrees outside as I write this. Brrrr.

The bible's telling of the story of King David's "chill" is both endearing and pretty funny. Because what the King's men did next to help their master was search for a beautiful maiden to keep the king warm. Then they change the subject. They were successful in their quest telling us that the maiden devoted herself to his care and warmth. The story also makes sure the reader knows that nothing untoward took place. Then they move on to David's son and his claims to the throne.

Maybe there's a backwards clue in this? Perhaps when it comes to this much cold, we too need to get a plan together and employ a little humor. This is certainly an unusual winter but not unprecedented. I was reminded in a cold weather themed devotion that nature's resilience to harsh conditions and extremes of weather is quite amazing. *Different creatures adapt in different ways. Some dig themselves into burrows to ride out the winter storms, while those with wings take off to warmer climates, risking hazardous migratory journeys.*

What about us? Perhaps nature's wintering can teach us something. Will we dig in and hide until the spring? Will we try to fly away in the hope of escaping the cold? "Wisdom invites us to do neither, and both. Not to hide away, but to go deeper into our hearts and draw on resources we perhaps never knew we possessed. Not to flee, but to rise above the immediate situation, and see it from a higher perspective."

What's your instinct? Burrow? Fly? How might you modify your way of reacting? I admit I use my humor. Being from California I used to "endure" winter waiting for it to pass. But when I moved to Minnesota, I discovered they simply change sports! Winter is a great time to grow closer to our friends, inviting them into our homes and being invited into theirs. We could also take a cue from our young people. King David had a chill but he wasn't "chill." Being "chill" is to relax. After all it's only 32 days till spring. And I'm ok with that.

Peace & Warmth to You All,

Pastor Robyn





YOUiversity

St. John's Adult Small Group Classes

We've had a number of requests for small group studies, everything from bible studies to book discussions to affinity groups. Are you reading anything you'd like to suggest? What are some topics you'd like to know more about?

You're invited to gather after worship on February 10th to weigh in and hopefully select which topic we'll launch "YOUiversity" with. Here are a few topics to get your thoughts flowing. Women of the Bible; How do Lutherans Engage the Subject of Racism; Forms of Prayer & Meditation; Living with Grief & Loss.

FAITH AND SOCIETY- a Lutheran Perspective

"Faithful participation in society is integral and vital to the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America." – Taken from the ELCA website .

The ELCA is a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. As part of this call, we seek the common good for society, provide moral vision and are committed to addressing social and cultural injustices and issues. The ELCA participates in God's just and loving purpose for all of creation in many different ways, from the daily actions of members as citizens, to efforts in social service, to public witness for justice.

In response to God's gracious love that seeks justice, the ELCA equips and nurtures us for our callings in the world, fosters social service and ministries of mercy, encourages learning and moral deliberation around social and cultural concerns, enacts social teaching and policy documents, interprets and applies social policy, and partners with agencies, organizations and institutions dedicated to service and justice.

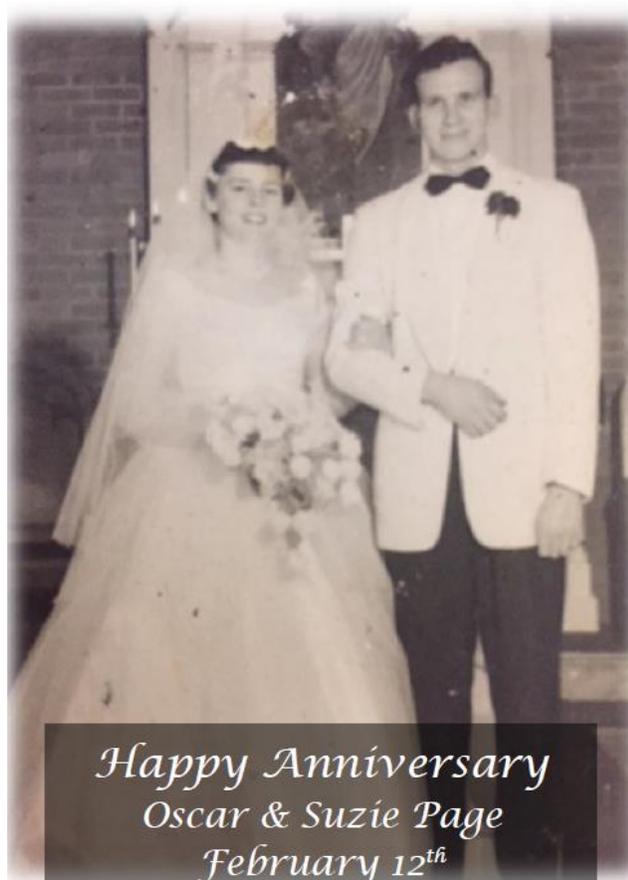
Resources and opportunities for participation in addressing social concerns are found on many ELCA Web pages; see especially those dedicated to "Publically Engaged Church." Go to elca.org.



IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE LOVE...AGAIN & ALWAYS

As we enter the official month of Valentine's Day let's give thanks for love, specifically agape love. The Greek word "agape" is considered the highest form of **love**, especially brotherly **love**, charity, and the **love** of God for humanity as well as humanity's for God. Agape love is palpable here. And so is romantic love. There are many couples with long histories. Spend a little time here at St. John's and you cannot miss the love we have for our mates, the love we have for one another, the love we have for our history, and the love held for our work together as God's people. Love is in the air and in the walls. Thanks be to God, for God is love.

Inside this issue of the MESSENGER please enjoy a small collection of wedding and couple photographs. If you missed when we did this last year, please send an electronic copy of one of your wedding photos to Karen using secretary@stjohnsmiamisburg.org. We can also scan a photo if you need help. Throughout the year, leading up to our Bicentennial Vow Renewal and wedding reception in June, we'll make enlargements of your photos for display. Happy Love-a-versary!



*Happy Anniversary
Oscar & Suzie Page
February 12th*



LIVELY LUTHERANS

The Lively Lutherans will be going to the Bravo's on Saturday, February 16 at 11:30 am. The Lively Lutherans group is open to all members. We enjoy a monthly luncheon with good food and fellowship and an occasional special outing. Please contact Ida Geary (937-626-765) if you have any questions.

Hot Chicken Salad

1 can chicken soup	3 cups diced, cooked chicken
¾ cup mayonnaise	1 can diced celery
3 tablespoon lemon juice	1 can sliced water chestnuts
½ teaspoon salt	½ cup diced onion
¼ teaspoon pepper	2 cups crushed potato chips

Mix the soup, mayonnaise, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Stir in the chicken, celery, water chestnuts and onion. Place in a buttered 7 x 11-inch baking dish. Top with crushed potato chips. Bake at 350 for 30 minutes or until hot.

This recipe was submitted by Nancy McCabe from the "Kitchen Keepsakes from St. John's Family" cookbook that was published in 1998 by the Women of St. John's Lutheran Church.



FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL HEART MONTH

Do you have high cholesterol or high blood pressure? Have members of your family suffered from these ailments? Do you have a poor diet? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions, you may want to consider being screened for your risk of stroke through the services of Life Line Screening. Life Line Screening uses ultrasound technology to view the plaque build-up in your carotid arteries, the main arteries that carry blood to the brain. Blockages in these arteries are a leading cause of stroke. We are pleased to host this Life Line Screening

event 2/21/2019 at St. John's Lutheran Church. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441 or go to www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or **text** the word **circle** to **797979** for more information or to pre-register.



Budget Report for December 2018

Balance beginning of December:		(\$2,743.46)
Income Towards Budget for December:	\$	10,933.55
Expenses Against Budget for December:		
Outreach	\$250.00	
Staff	\$5,657.23	
Facility Upkeep/Administration	\$1,143.56	
Property Insurance	\$0.00	
Utilities	\$498.04	
Committees	\$66.50	
		\$7,615.33
Monthly Budget Balance (income - expenses):	\$	3,318.22
Year-to-Date Balance end of December:	\$	1,058.05

Notes:

Description of categories:

Outreach: Benevolence, special benevolence.

Staff: Pastor's compensation, mileage, continuing education, and benefits; staff salaries and FICA; workers' compensation premiums.

Facility Upkeep/Administration: Maintenance/repair and office expenses.

Committees: Discipleship, Evangelism, Learning, Stewardship, Worship & Music

Utilities: Gas, electricity, water and trash services.



- February 3
Linda Kent
Priscilla Goldie
- February 5
Traci Smith
- February 8
Mary Jo Mikesell
- February 9
Tom Hoffman
- February 11
Molly Brewer
- February 12
Joe Wilson
- February 16
Oscar Page
- February 17
Gary Ball
- February 18
Joyce Petticrew
- February 28
Diane Naylor
David Page

Congregational Contacts

Robyn Provis Pastor 513-633-6038

Officers		*Executive Committee
Cheryl Page	*President/Discipleship & WELCA Liaison	937-602-7952
Linda Kent	*Church Treasurer	937-885-3529/937-572-7815
Barb Hoffman	*Council Recording Secretary	937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Judy Kuemmel	*Financial Secretary	937-321-1198

Organizations, Boards and Staff

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Cheryl Page	Discipleship Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Cheryl Page	Personnel Committee Chairman	937-602-7952
Brook Nauta	Learning Committee Chair	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Ida Geary	WELCA President	937-626-7765
Doug McCabe	Organist	937-866-8669
Nancy McCabe	Choir Director	937-866-8669
Brook Nauta	Children's Choir	513-217-0564/937-367-1473

Christian Education

Robin Skelding	Sunday School Superintendent	937-748-5405
Barb Hoffman	Pre-k through 1 st Grade	937-859-8871/937-231-6341
Brook Nauta & Kim Holtzman	2 nd Grade through 6 th Grade	513-217-0564/937-367-1473
Robin Skelding	High School	937-748-5405

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Nancy McCabe	Prayer Chain	937-866-8669
Diane Naylor	Son-Rise Breakfast @ First Lutheran	937-748-2137



- February 12
Oscar & Suzie Page



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Lively Lutherans

Saturday, February 16, Bravo's

SonRise Breakfast

Sunday, February 17, 6:00 a.m., 1st Lutheran Church
Dayton

Life Line Screening

Thursday, February 21, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

February Acolyte's

February 3	Annalise Larsen Brody Lamb
February 10	Aiden Ring Amy Ñauta
February 17	Melanie Ñauta
February 24	Jesse Ñauta

February Altar Guild

Pat McGraw